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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6917**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1908

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 27, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Study Committee for End of Life Issues.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Welch

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill establishes the End of Life Issues Study Committee and provides that the Committee consists of eight members of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The bill provides that the Committee shall operate for one year under the direction of the Legislative Council. It requires the Committee to study and make recommendations concerning advanced directives, pain management and palliative care, and the financial and regulatory issues that can interfere with providing the best quality care to the dying.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill creates an End of Life Issues Study Committee consisting of eight legislators. The Committee will provide a final report by November 1, 2003. Currently, legislators receive per diem reimbursement of \$129 (based on the maximum daily amount allowable to employees of the executive branch of the federal government for subsistence expenses while away from home in travel status in the Indianapolis area) and \$0.345 mileage reimbursement. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees ranging from \$6,000 to \$9,000 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members. The Legislative Council is funded with state General Fund dollars.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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